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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Marc ALIZON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648
Serial No.: 09/041,975) Examiner: Jeffrey S. PARKIN
Filed: March 13, 1998)
For: VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 1999, in the parent case
Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 23-38 are pending in this application, with claims 23-25 rejected and
claims 26-38 withdrawn from consideration.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly
containing subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as
to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the